

**TOTAL MOISTURE CONTENT
OF
AGGREGATE
BY
DRYING
AASHTO T 255**

APPARATUS

- ☐ Heat Source
 - ☐ Ventilated oven maintained at $230 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$
 - ☐ Electric or gas hot plate
 - ☐ Electric heat lamps
 - ☐ Ventilated microwave oven
- ☐ Sample Container
 - ☐ Not affected by heat
 - ☐ Sufficient volume to contain sample
 - ☐ Such shape that depth of sample does not exceed 1/5 of least lateral dimension

PROCEDURE

- ☐ Weight of sample as follows (Samples larger than capacity of balance may be divided into suitable increments, tested, and the results combined)

	Nominal Maximum <u>Aggregate Size</u>	Minimum Weight <u>of Sample (g)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3/8 in.	1500
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2 in.	2000
<input type="checkbox"/>	3/4 in.	3000
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 in.	4000
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 1/2 in.	6000

- ☐ Loss of moisture avoided prior to weighing
- ☐ Sample weighed
- ☐ When sample is heated by means other than oven, sample is stirred (stirring optional for microwave oven)
- ☐ Sample dried to constant weight and weighed (Note 1)

NOTE 1 -- Constant weight is defined as the weight at which further drying does not alter the weight by more than 0.1 percent.

- [] Total moisture content is calculated correctly to the nearest first decimal place (0.0) as follows:

$$\text{Total Moisture Content} = \frac{100 (W-D)}{D}$$

where:

W = weight of original sample

D = weight of dried sample

NA - Not Applicable

X - Requires Corrective Action

√ - Satisfactory

Acceptance Technician

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Date

Comments
